

As you explore the craggy hills, discover fragments of a long ago world where the largest land creatures of all time once roamed and died. But Dinosaur National Monument is more than just fossils. Take time to discover petroglyphs and pictographs, view captivating scenery, explore homestead sites, and go whitewater rafting.

Facilities

The dinosaur fossil **Visitor Information Station**, located 7 miles north of Jensen, Utah, on UT 149, is open daily. Dinosaur fossils can only be seen in this area of the park. Real and replica fossils can be seen at the information station. Ranger-led hikes and programs are available during the summer. For current operating hours or more information, call (435) 781-7700.

Due to building instability due to foundation movement, the **Quarry Visitor Center** is closed indefinitely. This closure includes the main fossil exhibit wall. However, discover dinosaur and other fossils embedded in rock by walking a short trail from the Visitor Information Station.

The Canyon Area Visitor Center, located 3 miles east of Dinosaur, Colorado on US 40, is open daily during the summer. Fall, winter, and spring operating hours vary. Exhibits highlight the monument's scenic canyon area. For current operating hours or more information, call (970) 374-3000

Two paved **Auto Tours** provide main access to monument. The Harpers Corner Scenic Drive is closed January through mid-April. Most other routes are primitive, gravel roads and impassable in winter or when wet. Passenger cars can navigate a few gravel roads when roads are dry. Inquire at visitor information areas for current road conditions.

Recreational Activities

Several short **hiking** trails, ranging from ½ to 3 miles are easily accessed via two auto routes. Other hiking routes are available throughout the monument. Overnight hiking within the monument requires a free backcountry permit. For more information about hiking or to apply for a backcountry permit, inquire at either visitor information area.

Private **boating** on the Green and Yampa Rivers within the monument requires a permit. Due to the popularity, applications for most permits are accepted November 1 through February 1. For more information, contact the River Office at (970) 374-2468 between 8:00 a.m. and noon, Monday to Friday or visit the park website at www.nps.gov/dino. Concessioners offer guided trips lasting 1 to 5 days. A list of concessioners is available on request.

Fishing in the monument requires an appropriate state license and state fishing regulations apply. Swimming in the rivers is strongly discouraged due to cold water and strong currents.

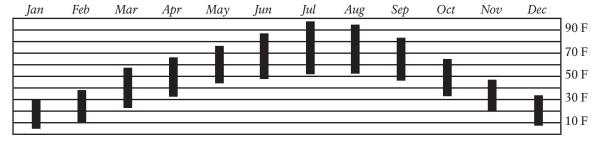
Picnic areas are located at several overlooks along the Harpers Corner Scenic Drive and at the Split Mountain Campground and the Josie Bassett homesite along the Tour of the Tilted Rocks auto route. Each picnic area has tables, fireplaces, and vault toilets. Picnickers are welcome to use the campgrounds when space is available.

Popular **things to see** while visiting Dinosaur National Monument include fossils, petroglyphs, pictographs, scenic vistas, and historic homesites. For more information about Dinosaur National Monument, visit our website at www.nps.gov/dino.

Climate

Dinosaur's climate is semiarid. Moderate snow, foggy days, and subzero nights occur in the winter.

Thunderstorms with locally heavy rain are common spring through fall. Average temperature ranges:



Campgrounds

Individual/family campsites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Group sites may be reserved; for more information call (435) 781-7759. Camping fees are charged at most campgrounds. Call (435) 781-7700 for current fee schedule.

Hookups or sewer dump stations are not available in the monument. Spaces for trailers and RVs in excess of 35' are limited. Each camping site has a table and fireplace. Water is only available late spring through early fall. Vault toilets are available when restrooms with flush toilets are closed.

Evening talks are presented during the summer at the Green River Campground.

Campground	# tent only sites	# tent/RV sites	drinking water	flush-toilet restroom	vault toilet	firewood for sale	boat ramp	hiking trails nearby	fee charged	season
Split Mountain (group camping only in summer, minumum 8 people per site) 4 miles east of VIS*		4	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	all year
Green River 5 miles east of VIS*		80	•	•		•		•	•	late spring to early fall
Rainbow Park 26 miles north of VIS*; mostly rough gravel road, impassable when wet	4				•		•			
Echo Park 38 miles north of CVC**; 13 miles steep, narrow gravel road, impassable when wet	17		•		•		•		•	all year, weather
Deerlodge Park 53 miles east of CVC**		7	•	·	•		•	•	•	permitting
Gates of Lodore 106 miles north of CVC**; 10 miles gravel road		17	•		•		•	•	•	

^{*} Visitor Information Station near Jensen, Utah

Services in Local Communities

For more information on local facilities and services, contact:

Dinosaurland Travel Board (800) 477-5558 Vernal Chamber of Commerce (435) 789-1352 Rangely Chamber of Commerce (970) 675-5290 Dinosaur Welcome Center (970) 374-2205

	gas, diesel	auto parts, rep	lodging	dining	supplies, groce	medical servic	commercial campground
Vernal, Utah 20 miles west of VIS*	•	•	•	•	•	•	dumpstation, hookups, showers
Jensen, Utah 7 miles south of VIS*	•			limited	limited		dumpstation, hookups, showers
Dinosaur, Colorado 2 miles east of CVC**	•	limited	limited	limited	limited		dumpstation, hookups, showers
Rangely, Colorado 18 miles south of CVC**	•	•	•	•	•	•	dumpstation, hookups, showers
Massadona, Colorado 17 miles east of CVC**			limited	limited			dumpstation, hookups

 $^{^{\}ast}$ Visitor Information Station near Jensen, Utah

Other Points of Interest

Utah Field House of Natural History State Park (435) 789-3799 (Vernal); utahfieldhouse@utah.gov

Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area (435) 885-3135 (north of Vernal); www.fs.fed.us/r4/ashley

Steinaker State Park (435) 789-4432 (north of Vernal); www.utahstateparks.gov

Ashley National Forest (435) 789-1181 (north of Vernal); www.fs.fed.us/r4/ashley

Red Fleet State Park (435) 789-4432 (north of Vernal); www.utahstateparks.gov

Bureau of Land Management (435) 781-4400 (Vernal area); www.ut.blm.gov/vernal

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